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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFER TO ETHIOPIA AND ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN
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1. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE KEEP OUR REACTION TO
SUBJECT OF REF B AT A LOWER LEVEL. ACCORDINGLY YOU
SHOULD MAKE REQUEST NOW FOR APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER ZEWDE ON HIS RETURN FROM BRAZZAVILLE. IF ZEWDE
DOES NOT RETURN DIRECTLY FROM BRAZZAVILLE THEN YOU MAY
DISCUSS AS PROPOSED WITH PRIME MINISTER, SPECIFYING
THAT YOU ARE DOING SO BECAUSE OF FOREIGN MINISTER'S
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2. RE REF A, WE HAVE NO SUBSTANTIVE INPUT TO SUGGEST.

3. FEELING IN DEPARTMENT IS THAT WHILE SOVIETS MAY BE PREPARED GIVE TOKEN AID IN MILITARY FIELD IT WOULD BE UNCHARACTERISTIC OF THEM TO MOVE IN ON SUCH A SCALE SO QUICKLY, AND IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY UNLIKELY AS IT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THEIR POSITION IN SOMALIA WHICH THEY HAVE GONE TO SUCH LENGTHS TO BUILD UP.

4. WE ARE CONSIDERING UTILITY OF A DIRECT OVERT APPROACH BY EMBASSY TO AFCC, NOT AS A REACTION TO SOVIET OFFER, BUT

AS AN INITIATIVE FOR WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION ON FUTURE OF ETHIOPIA AND ITS RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. SUCH AN APPROACH WOULD BE ON A ONE TIME BASIS, NOT A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE MEETINGS, AND WOULD BE CLEARED WITH PRIME MINISTER IN ADVANCE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S VIEWS.

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